

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

This case is currently under appeal (Appeal Brief mailed on 3 July 2003). On 16 September 2003 Examiner Andrew Schechter contacted the undersigned by telephone and conducted a telephonic interview. He subsequently mailed an Interview Summary on 18 September 2003. The substance of the interview was that the claims would be in condition for allowance if an amendment is filed that changes, in claim 1, "different from 0" to --different from 0 or 90--. This is agreeable to applicant, as it does not further change the scope of the claims as originally intended. Claim 1 is amended accordingly.

Claims 3-8 were erroneously labeled as "(Original)" in a previous Amendment/Response, whereas actually they were amended in a preliminary amendment to remove multiple dependencies.

New dependent claims 9-23 are added to at least partially restore the original range of claims that existed before multiple dependencies were removed in the preliminary amendment. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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